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From The President's Desk

Bhaswati Mukherjee



Dear Friends and Family,

ON THIS ANNIVERSARY ISSUE OF 'CHARCHA', we commemorate SERWA's first anniversary, following our election on 21st February, 2016. In our one year in office, we have overcome many challenges while striving to focus on development and selfless service to the community in the true spirit of 'Sarvodaya'.

Among the more visible achievements of 'SERWA@work' include the replacement of halogen street lights with LED, lighting up with a mast light of the market and its development and beautification, carpeting of many roads within the colony, retiling of back lanes and pavements, pruning of trees, introduction of new dustbins, installation of a new colony map at colony entrance and renovation of the 'Dhalao'.

For the benefit of our residents, SERWA had organised an Aadhar Camp, a Property Tax camp and a Blood donation camp before the onset of monsoons to make a colony blood bank for diseases like dengue. Do Mutthi Aahaar was welcomed as a community service program for children. International Yoga Day was joyfully celebrated along with a free health check up by Thyrocare. Animal lovers along with community residents were working with MCD to sterilize female strays to control an expanding population of stray dogs who are a threat to residents.

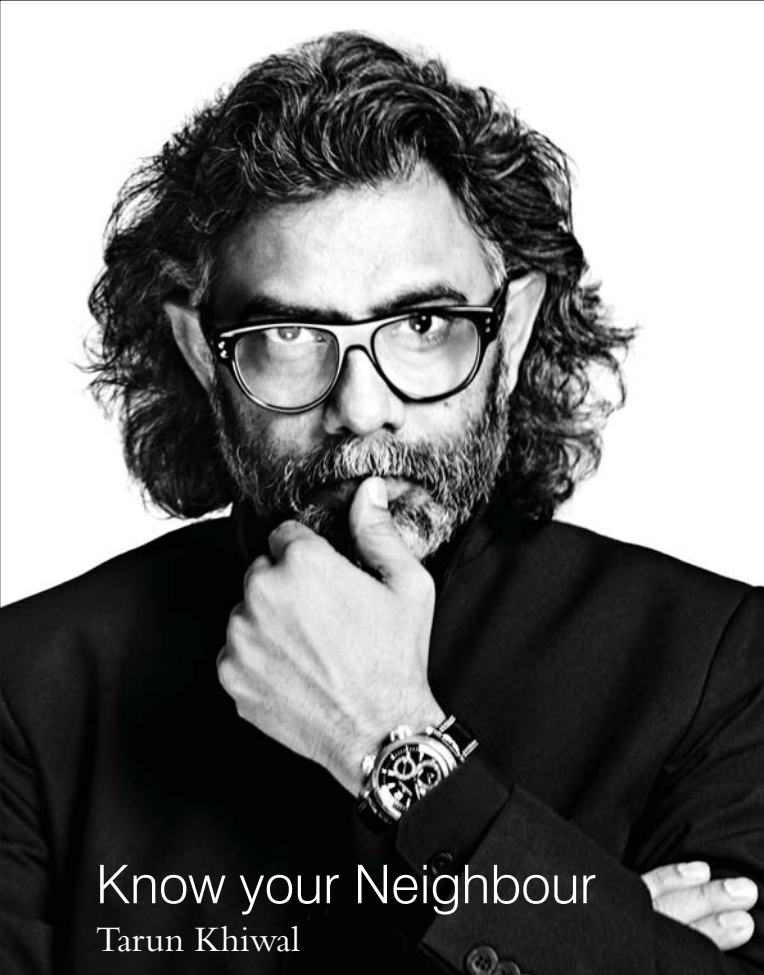
Community events during this period helped to bond and develop friendly links among the residents, specially the old and vulnerable. These include a colourful and musical Holi Milan, a much appreciated party for our senior citizens at their own park, appropriately named 'Upvan', a children's Christmas party, a pollution free and eco friendly Dussehra Mela and the highly successful 15th August event. SERWA welcomes the spontaneous coming together of the local community talent through the formation of the Sarvodaya Musical Group called 'Baithak'.

An anniversary issue provides a welcome opportunity for stock taking. There are many outstanding issues such as security, lack of connectivity and the need to urgently install a mobile tower, up-gradation of hygiene and sanitation and immediate provision of clean public toilets at a mutually acceptable location. We welcome the efforts of many residents who have come forward to assist SERWA to evolve a consensus on these sensitive issues in the interest of the Community.

The appointment of Shri O.P. Mishra, Additional Secretary (Home) of the Government of NCT, Delhi, as Administrator has resulted in a new dynamism with regard to the organisation of society elections. This is much appreciated. We look forward to cooperating with the new society team particularly on issues relating to security. Our dynamic four member security team is presently examining how security can be revamped with immediate effect. It has been a real pleasure to interact with Mishra ji, who with his never failing courtesy and patience has brought a new perspective on community issues whenever required. Thank you Mishra ji for being with us!

Regardless of the result of the MCD election, we will continue to work with MCD as well as with our local MLA, Somnath Bharti ji, in accordance with their respective mandates. May I express SERWA's appreciation for the efforts made by Satish Upadhyay ji as well as Somnath ji for their support and cooperation.

During this period, there have occasionally been dark clouds which have vitiated the atmosphere and cast a long shadow on the spirit of mutual cooperation which should prevail in such a beautiful colony. In a democratic society, we do not



Know your Neighbour

Tarun Khiwal

TARUN KHIWAL is a noted Indian fashion/advertising photographer based in Delhi. An engineer by education, he is the only Indian to be awarded the highest honour in photography—the most prestigious **Hasselblad Masters Award** in 2005.

He is also the only Indian whose work was chosen for the leading Swiss professional photography lighting manufacturer Broncolor's Annual Calendar in 2012 and has been featured in Tom Ang's book **'The Complete Photographer'** as one of the world's Top 20 Professional Photographers.

Over the years, his portfolio includes international clients such as Adidas, Reebok, Nike, Nestle, Nokia, Panasonic, Sony, American Express and Honda and his editorial work has been extensively published in international magazines like Time, Vogue, GQ, Harpers Bazar, Elle and many more. He has also redefined the art of celebrity portraits in India by photographing many Bollywood celebrities, sports personalities, corporate as well as political leaders.

He is also the recipient of

- MTV Style Lycra Award 2004
- Asian Photography Award
Photographer of the Year 2005
Photographer of the Year 2015
- Epson Masters Worldwide Epson Pro Programme
- Marie Claire Fashion Photographer, Year 2009
- L'Officiel Luxury Award 2008

Tackling Issues

CLEANLINESS

- Regular cleaning of all lanes by MCD workers and their supervision by dedicated Serwa team members.
- Supervision of food stalls in the market according to MCD and Delhi Government regulations.
- Regular supervision of Dhalao and follow up of cleanliness issues by Serwa team.
- Proposal to implement Waste Management through expert agencies like IL&FS.

SECURITY

Residents meeting was organised at the Mandir to discuss security issues with enthusiastic participation by residents, on Sunday 19th February. Residents who attended were given Proposals to **Secure Sarvodaya** with enhanced Security Charges.

ENGINEERING COLLEGE

The Writ Petition by the Housing Society, SERWA and some residents, against SAES, is still pending in court awaiting final replies from government agencies. We hope for a positive outcome at the hearing on 15th May 2017.

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need to agree on everything. There are, however, established norms to express dissent. Defamation is not one of them. There is no issue that cannot be resolved through consultations, goodwill and trust. There is a trust deficit here which needs to be urgently addressed.

As residents of a country facing countless internal challenges and external threats, living in a difficult external environment with two nuclear armed neighbours, we need to be Indians first and remain together. Our 'parampara' is one of peace. Swamy Vivekananda had said of India's enduring legacy:

"India, for thousands of years, peacefully existed. Even earlier, when history had no records and tradition dare not peer into the gloom of that intense past, even from then until now, ideas after ideas have marched out from her, but every word has been spoken with a blessing behind it and peace before it. We, of all nations of the world, have never been a conquering race, and that blessing is on our head, and therefore we live."



Rita & Vijay Mathur | B 120

It was a pleasure to see the energy and enthusiasm of the young committee that we voted in last year. Despite the many frustrations they have had to face, their dedication remains undimmed. **Our unstinted support and best wishes to them for the future.**

Ruchika Mehta | C 206

The newly formed SERWA has been a refreshing change for the residents of Sarvodaya Enclave. The young and dynamic team has introduced many new and interesting elements of engaging the residents which have been extremely appreciated. They have very actively taken up issues plaguing the colony for a long time. **Kudos to the new team and wishing them luck for the rest of the term.**

G.D. Dalwani | C 153

CHARCHA is already a very popular magazine with the residents of the colony, who eagerly await publication of every issue as it brings colony related News from the Residents' Association. It is a beautiful multi-coloured magazine with lot of interesting varieties of Articles in addition to important information beneficial to the residents. Kudos to Team Charcha! Please accept my best wishes for the continuous success after this Anniversary Issue, year after year.

SERWA has made considerable progress particularly in arranging important community functions (like Holi, Independence Day, Dussehra etc.) as well as organising a number of cultural events like musical evening for the children and senior-citizen's get-together, etc., which have been highly appreciated by the residents. However, the desired progress in the matters of Security and Cleanliness is still awaited. Hope the matters will sort out for the better after the elections of the New Managing Committee of the Society. **I extend my best wishes to this dedicated team for the years to follow.**

K. C. Bhatia | B 94

Having held the post of General Secretary of SERWA in the past and having worked relentlessly to upgrade roads, lights, parks and the general upkeep of the colony over several years, I appreciate the efforts of the current SERWA. I would like to make a few suggestions to make Sarvodaya a cleaner and safer place to live in.

- Develop and beautify the Nursery School Park which is lying barren and the area adjoining the overhead tank
- Safety on the Roads for Senior Citizens and children by patrolling by guards
- Removal of encroachments on pavements for movement of vehicles and pedestrians and removal of posters and banners to avoid defacement of public property.

My best wishes to Team SERWA

Rashmi & Sunil Wadhwa | B 29

Ever since the new RWA of Sarvodaya, SERWA, has assumed office there has been a sea change in the colony in all respects. Be it the responsiveness to residents' problems or the social connect within the colony.

SERWA has made a big impact on the look and feel of Sarvodaya. It is for this reason there is in fact lot of hope and expectation people have from SERWA and I'm sure they will meet all expectations.

The recent social events on Diwali and Holi festivals were really high class and showed the management capabilities and dedication of our RWA. **We look forward to more such initiatives to make Sarvodaya a benchmark colony of Delhi.**

N. K. Mathur | B 60

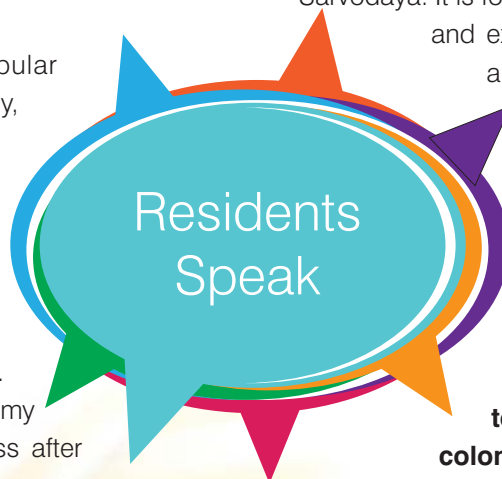
I have been watching the performance of SERWA and I am amazed at the dedication of many SERWA members working relentlessly for the betterment of our colony. **My appreciation to the whole team!**

Anita Gurnani | C 163

It's been a pleasure seeing the enthusiasm, passion, dedication and commitment that SERWA Team brings to the several issues relating to our neighbourhood. **Please keep up the good work.**

Anjali Mehta | B 119

SERWA's commitment to community and excellence is exemplary. They work on two solid foundations of dignity of labour (willing to undertake big and small tasks) and dignity of people (kind and helpful in dealings). **Well done Team!**



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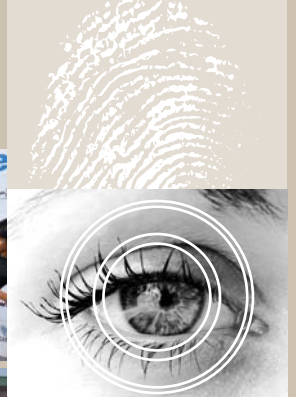


Festival of Colors

March 2016

Property Tax
camp organised
for the convenience
of residents to
pay property tax

Sarvodaya
**Senior & Junior
Football Teams**
celebrating



Aadhar camp
organised in
June 2016



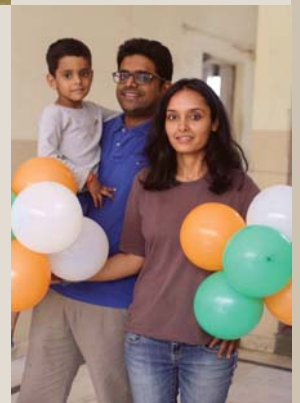
**International
Yoga Day**
celebrated with
free health checkup
by Thyrocare

**Tree
Plantation**
drive July 2016

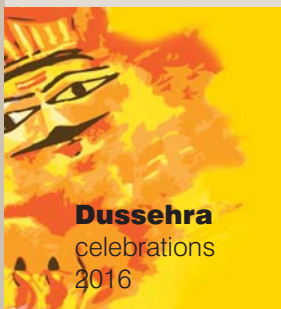


Events @ Sarvodaya

**Blood
Donation**
camp organised
before the
onset of
monsoons to
make a **Colony
Blood Bank** for
diseases related
to mosquitoes



**Independence
Day**
celebrations 2016

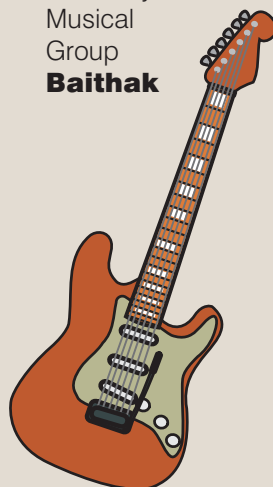


Dussehra
celebrations
2016



Christmas
celebrations
2016

**Formation
of the
Sarvodaya
Musical
Group
Baithak**



Holi
celebrations
2017



The Park
adjacent to the
market developed
and inaugurated
2017.

A **Get-together**
for Senior citizens
organised
wherein all our
senior residents
participated with
full enthusiasm

CommunityInitiatives



Do Mutti Aahaar

NGO PARVAAH's effort to collect food for the underprivileged



EHSAAAS IS ABOUT **GENEROSITY** **COURAGE**
RESPONSIBILITY **ACCOUNTABILITY** **REALISATION**

The Ehsaas Winter Concert

To create an awareness to help and educate the underprivileged

Say No to Plastic Bags

Initiative to promote Cloth Carry bags by Padmavati

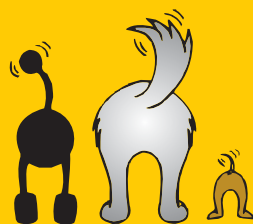
Sarvodaya Library

Effort to set one up by Aseem Charitable Education Trust

Anjali Mehta suggested solutions for improving **Security for Women** in the colony

Dr. Rashmi Wadhwa and Geeta Patheja's quest to find a **humane solution** to the problem of stray dogs and stray puppies: sterilization, neutering and adoption

Special efforts were made to have an **Eco friendly Dussehra** celebration and promote **Pollution Free Diwali**



We thank NGO **Uday Foundation** for providing Blankets, Shoes and TShirts to MCD workers and guards

BeFitBeHappy

Bhaswati Mukherjee

FOR FITNESS LOVERS, our Colony is lucky to have **Elemention Gym**. Founded by Vidur Sodani, it is an Indo-Dutch partnership established to deliver a high quality international experience & professional fitness solutions to our quality conscious residents. Featuring the world's #1 equipment from Life Fitness USA, qualified trainers, a range of group classes from yoga, zumba dancing and kick boxing, there is something on offer for all consumers of all ages and skill levels- be it beginner or advanced. Besides fitness, Elemention Gym offers a perfect neighbourhood place to relax in steam and sauna rooms.

I have been 'gyiming' for over 20 years. In Paris and Netherlands, even as an Ambassador, I would go to the Gym in the morning at 8.00 AM before work. My Gym in those days was 'Curves' which was only for women. On return, I discovered Elemention which was recommended by the Dutch Embassy here. I firmly believed that fitness is a key factor for everyone- young or old. For the youth, it is useful to build stamina, increase muscle and form a body structure to carry them further in life. For the older group, fitness helps condition every part of the body (unlike a morning walk, for instance) and prevents muscle loss (after age 30, there is up to 5% muscle loss every decade, which is why old people get very skinny and weak).

Besides the obvious reasons above, being involved in a fitness for as little as 2-3 hours per reduces the risk of several serious diseases, including heart attack, diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol, stroke, obesity, osteoporosis, arthritis, depression & anxiety.



Need more reasons? Getting fit helps you look & feel better, increases productivity, and most of all you live longer, fitter & happier.

What are you waiting for? Be a role model for your family, Make friends and discover that fitness is fun!



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SERWA@WORK

Serwa Online Registration Program to compile data about residents for a **New Directory**

Dhobi Rates streamlined

New SERWA **Website**

Survey of the Junk cars in the colony - residents requested to remove them

Speed Breakers on Begumpur road opposite Mothers's International School

Iron swings in the MCD parks were replaced by **New Fibre Swings**, which are safer for children

Most of the halogen streetlights of the colony were **Converted to LED**

Pruning of Trees on Begumpur road was undertaken which was long overdue

New Dustbins have been installed by SERWA all over the colony

Some colony service lanes were **Relaid**

A new **Colony Map** was installed at colony entrance

Proposed **Free Camp** to teach basic computer skills to Seniors

All the halogen lights in the Park were **Replaced by LED** for energy conservation

Dhalao was renovated and painted to give it a neater look

Some **Colony Roads** were relaid. Others will be done after elections in the new financial year

Mast Light has been installed in the market making it well lit

The DDA market is **Undergoing Renovations** and so are the two bathrooms

The **Post Office Road** was relaid with cement

HELP US KEEP THE DISABLED - ABLED



दोस्तों!

एक टुकड़ा जमीन का उबड़ खाबड़ यूँ ही पड़ा था ! सूखी घास ओढ़े कुछ धूल कूड़ा भी उसमे मढ़ा था !
लेकिन पेड़ उसमे पीपल का एक सुन्दर बड़ा था ! बहुत साल से वो वहां अकेला खड़ा था !

हाँ, मैं वही पेड़ हूँ !

पहले मिट्टी से लिपी मेरे नीचे चौपाल थी
आजू बाजू हरे भरे खेतों की ढाल थी
बचपन जवानी पूछती बूढ़ों का हाल चाल थी
मेरी ओट, मेरी छाया में जिन्दगी चलती दिन रात थी !

हाँ, मैं वही पेड़ हूँ !

बहुत सालों से अकेला खुद से ही बातें करता हूँ
दुःख सुख में आपके मौन ही मिला रहता हूँ
हँसता हूँ सिसकता हूँ आहें भरता हूँ
झुक झूम आपको बुलाने की कोशिश करता हूँ !

हाँ, मैं वही पेड़ हूँ !

मैं खुश हूँ की मैं अब उपवन में हूँ
एक टुकड़ा जमीन का जो उबड़ खाबड़ यूँ ही पड़ा था
मैं उसे अब सुन्दर समतल देख रहा हूँ
सूखी घास ओढ़े कुछ धूल कूड़ा जो उसमे मढ़ा था
अब साफ उसे मैं हरा भरा फिर देख रहा हूँ
देखो, मैं राह आपकी अब फिर देख रहा हूँ !

हाँ, मैं वही पेड़ हूँ !

मैं खुश हूँ की मैं अब उपवन में हूँ
आओ मेरे संग इस उपवन में चौपाल जगाएँ
आजू बाजू हरी घास में कसरत कर जायें
पूछ हालचाल अपने बूढ़ों का उनकी सेहत लौटायें
शहर की दौड़ धूप से परे नवजीवन
इस उपवन मे पायें !

आओ उपवन में
पाने नवजीवन

Ajay Jugran | B 59

Please enjoy the peaceful environs.

Ideally suited for toddlers and senior citizens as ball games are not allowed.



Upvan

OPEN DAILY 6.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. | 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Remembrance

Smt. Usha Dalwani | C 153

One of our most respected and accomplished residents, Smt. Usha Dalwani, w/o Shri G.D. Dalwani, C-153, Sarvodaya Enclave, left for her heavenly abode on 25th of February this year. She lived a fruitful life of 76 years, known for compassion for the poor, devotion, sincerity and love for all in the family and her friends and acquaintances.

An Educationist by Profession, she had a brilliant academic career with B.Sc from Desh Bandhu College, Delhi and M.Sc (Botany) from Birla Science College, Pilani. Subsequently, she did research in Delhi University. She joined Education Department of Delhi Govt. in 1963 and soon rose to the post of Vice-Principal/Principal of Senior Secondary Schools. She finally retired as Principal of Govt. Senior Secondary School, R.K. Puram, on superannuation in year 2000 after receiving the Presidents' Award for her meritorious services. She unfortunately suffered a massive



heart attack before retirement. Post-retirement, she led a simple spiritual life with her energies devoted to welfare work for SERWA in the colony as a member of the Cleanliness Group of SERWA as well as Social Work for the poor in nearby slums. She had the blessings of Sai Baba as well as Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Head of Art of Living Foundation under whose care she completed many Advance Courses and practical Sewa courses of the organisation.

She refused to allow a weak heart and a frail body to slow her down. She lived a full life leaving behind two accomplished and devoted sons in senior management positions abroad. A person of strong will power, she fought bravely with her illness till the end and passed away peacefully.

Chapter 2, verse 20 of the Bhagavad Gita

**The soul is never born,
Nor does it die:
For it is unborn, eternal,
Everlasting and primeval,
Even though the body is slain,
The soul is not.**

*May these words console
her family and friends and admirers.
May her soul rest in peace.*



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